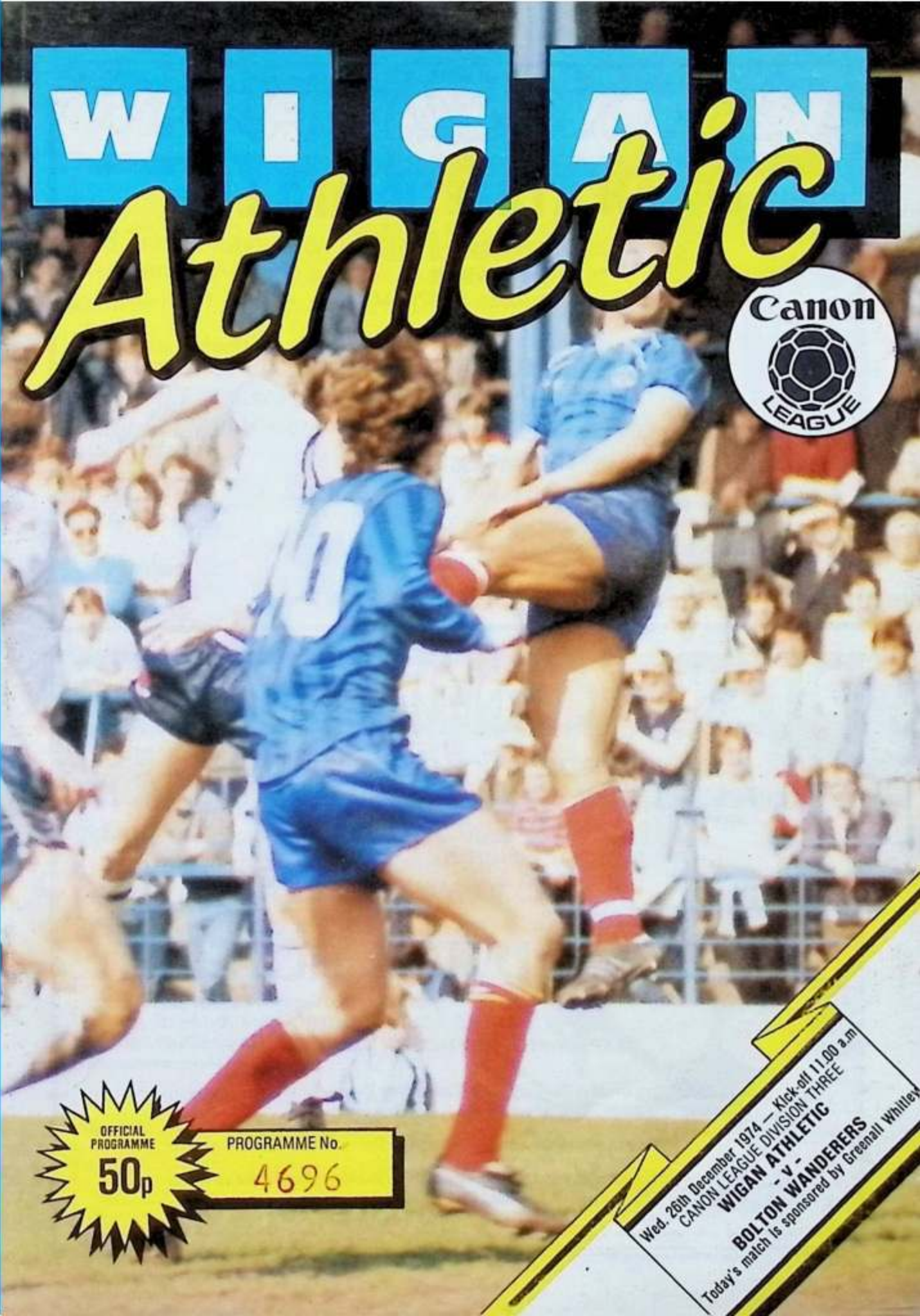


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MANAGER'S NOTES

THESE notes have been written before our visit to Rotherham, I hope we will be able to say that we have continued our good form in this game.

On Boxing Day last year, against today's visitors, we had our record league gate, we hope for a similar crowd today.

May I take this opportunity to offer all fans, both Wigan and Bolton, Compliments of the Season, I hope we provide a good entertaining game for you.

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I HOPE you all had a great day yesterday and that you were lucky enough to get most of the presents you wanted. No matter what though, spare a thought for all those Kids, who through no fault of their own weren't as lucky as you and me.

One of the nice parts about Christmas is looking back at what we've achieved so far this season and when you take a look it's gone pretty well so far.

By far the most important so far as the running of Junior Latics was the news in July that Keith Lightfoot had agreed to sponsor us again for the 1984/85 season. It meant we could concentrate on putting our plans into action without worrying too much about finance.

Those plans included launching two extra soccer teams at under 11 and under 12 bringing our total to five teams wearing Junior Latics strip.



The cost of running 5 teams is enormous, we estimate around £10,000 for this season and whilst sponsorship doesn't go anywhere near paying for it all it's a great help to know that the Club is basically financially sound.

So now we have 5 teams, 4 of which are playing in Warrington, the odd one out is the under 12s who are in the Chorley Jubilee League.

We are very lucky to have some very good coaches at Junior Latics all under the wing of Chief Coach Glenn Buckley who in turn is under the watchful eye of one Harry McNally. At this moment in time we have a total of nine Coaches or Managers training our boys hopefully to be better players and better people.

Still with sport we now have a very successful netball section who under the wing of county player Jane Forshaw are making one or two people sit up and take notice in the netball world.

On the social side it was very important for us that the sponsorship deal went through as early as it did, apart from membership fees, sponsorship is our only form of finance.

There's no doubt about it the meetings this season have been streets ahead of anything we've done before.

MATCH DAY MASCOT

Today's mascot is 11 year old Andrew Marwood who attends St. Aidan's RC Primary School. Andrew's hobbies are playing Football and Rugby. Andrew's favourite players are Steve Johnson and Adrian Heath. Enjoy yourself Andrew.

Merry Christmas,
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I would like to take this opportunity of thanking all our club members and the kind people who have donated prizes for our various events over the last few months.

Special thanks go to our committee, Chris Coffy, Brenda Leigh and Ernie Claxton, who work very hard every week to keep our club going, also to the hardwork put in by our bar staff, when dressed in their football shirts they look quite an eyeful. Thanks to our manager and manageress, Dave and Allison Brown, since they took over in June they have given us 100% effort. Thanks also to our resident musicians Steve on the organ and Alan on the drums. Not forgetting Steve Galeazzi who has helped to make our Saturday nights a huge success. Special thanks also go to Dave Albers and Greenall Whitley for all their help over the last year. Thanks to all who have supported us and we wish you all a Happy New Year.

Alan Liptrot,
Chairman.

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BOARDROOM COMMENT

GOOD morning, a Merry Christmas to you all and a very warm welcome indeed to our visitors today, near neighbours Bolton Wanderers.

Last season Bolton helped provide us with our Football League record gate and we hope that a club with the tradition and pride of the Wanderers can be a major factor in us beating that gate today.

We hope for a fine game of football witnessed by a fitting crowd for what should be a real classic occasion.

What about the FA Cup draw? We at the Club are absolutely delighted to be paired with Chelsea at Stanford Bridge and are eagerly awaiting the chance to renew some old friendships with Ian McNeill and Ken Bates.

Ken Bates left Wigan over 18 months ago when he took over Chelsea and he was heard to comment at the time that he was going there to tell them how to beat Wigan Athletic.

Just what sort of job he's done we'll have to wait and see but it goes without saying that we will be going into the match full of confidence and with every belief that we are capable of beating Chelsea.

We are lucky at Wigan in that we have a number of players who we think are capable of playing in the First Division. This is their chance to prove us right. I hope we get the support we deserve at Chelsea and we can come away with the right result.

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THIRD DIVISION

Round Up

by Harold Ashurst

WHAT a return to action for Tony Caldwell. Bolton's former Horwich striker celebrated his return to the game after a long injury lay off with the two goals that sunk promotion chasing Millwall at Burnden Park.

Bolton, whose home form is as good as anything in the division, always had the better of George Graham's outfit and it was strange that Caldwell's goals, in the 84th and 89th minutes, took so long in coming.

Millwall's defeat left Bradford three points clear at the top after the Yorkshire side's impressive 3-0 win at Reading.

England Under 21 midfielder Stuart McCall opened the scoring after 15 minutes, Terry Abbott added a second seven minutes later and Bobby Campbell rounded things off after half time.

Rotherham's 4-1 victory over York thrust them into second place while Hull stayed firmly in the picture after a Whitehurst goal gave them victory over Walsall.

Gillingham slipped 2-0 at lowly Lincoln which was perhaps the surprise of the day but there were no shocks at Eastville where Bristol Rovers saw off Newport by the same score.

Derby kept up their impressive home form with a 1-0 defeat of Orient and while Les Lawrence scored his first goal since signing for Burnley from Rochdale, it was enough to give The Clarets victory over troubled Swansea. McQuillan equalised ten minutes from time.

Preston's alarming plummet towards the Third Division basement was checked slightly in a 1-1 home draw with Brentford, new signing Gibson scoring on his debut for Alan Kelly's men.

But poor Cambridge seem truly dead and buried. Their 2-0 defeat at Plymouth leaves them with just nine points from 19 games and it's going to take nothing short of a miracle for them to stay in the Third Division, and we're not half way through the season yet.

84 - 85 DIVISION 3 RESULTS

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BRENTFORD	2-1	0-1	●							1-1	5-2	2-2				0-1					3-0	2-0	2-1		
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SWANSEA C	2-1		1-2							0-1						1-0	2-1			●		1-2	2-2	1-3	
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*Chelsea here we come as Steve Johnson sends 'keeper Dave Ryan the wrong way with the perfect penalty.
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Wayne Aspinall fails the efforts of Northwich striker Steve Craven in our recent F.A. Cup tie. (Photo by Alf Hampson).

CENTRAL LEAGUE

FOCUS

OUR Central League promotion challenge was literally blanked out last week when our game with Rotherham had to be abandoned after 78 minutes because of a sudden fog which descended on Springfield Park.

We were leading 2-1 at the time and looking good value for a victory when the fog came, but the referee had absolutely no alternative but to call the game off.

It will now be replayed at a later date which is a pity because the goal that gave Latics the lead was one of the best seen at the ground for some time but will count for nothing.

It was scored by former Wigan schoolboy Peter Bell, who is having trials with us after being out of the game for over 12 months with a serious injury that threatened his career.

Peter, who hails from Leigh, was on Manchester City's books when the injury struck and despite all the best treatment he bowed out of things and was released by the Maine Road club.

However he showed no signs of any ill effects when he picked up a ball just outside the area, sped past four men and planted a shot wide of the goalkeeper to have the crowd in raptures.

Ray Redshaw, himself making a comeback from a broken foot, scored Latics first goal to give them a half time lead but Rotherham, boasting six men with first team experience, levelled just after the re-start.

Then came that Bell special, then came the fog!

CENTRAL LEAGUE FIXTURES 1984-85

28. 8.84	Tue.	Burnley	A	2 - 1	8. 1.85.	Tue.	Burnley	A
4. 9.84.	Tue.	Leicester City	H	0 - 1	14. 1.85.	Mon.	Leicester City	A
10. 9.84.	Mon.	Wolverhampton Wndrs.	A	1 - 2	22. 1.85.	Tue.	Wolverhampton Wndrs.	H
19. 9.84.	Wed.	York City	H	2 - 1	30. 1.85.	Wed.	York City	A
27. 9.84.	Tue.	Grimsby Town	A	1 - 1	5. 2.85.	Tue.	Sunderland	A
2.10.84	Tue.	Sunderland	H	1 - 0	13. 2.85.	Wed.	Grimsby Town	A
9.10.84.	Tue.	Scunthorpe United	H	3 - 2	20. 2.85.	Wed.	Bolton Wndrs.	A
17.10.84.	Wed.	Hull City	A	1 - 2	26. 2.85.	Tue.	Preston North End	H
24.10.84.	Wed.	Doncaster Rovers	A	0 - 1	6. 3.85.	Wed.	Blackpool	A
30.10.84.	Tue.	Blackpool	H	5 - 2	12. 3.85.	Tue.	Doncaster Rovers	H
8.11.84.	Thu.	Preston North End	A	0 - 3	19. 3.85.	Tue.	Hull City	H
13.11.84.	Tue.	Bolton Wndrs.	H	4 - 1	27. 3.85.	Wed.	Scunthorpe United	A
21.11.84.	Wed.	Port Vale	A	1 - 0	2. 4.85.	Tue.	Port Vale	H
27.11.84.	Tue.	Leeds United	H	0 - 1	10. 4.85.	Wed.	Leeds United	A
4.12.84.	Tue.	Middlesbrough	A		16. 4.85.	Tue.	Middlesbrough	H
11.12.84.	Tue.	Rotherham United	H		23. 4.85.	Tue.	Oldham Athletic	H
18.12.84	Tue.	Oldham Athletic	A		30. 4.85.	Tue.	Rotherham United	A

With the Youth Team

OUR unbeaten run came to a sorry end at Huddersfield last week when we were sent crashing out of the FA Youth Cup in dramatic style.

Two goals in a sensational opening three minutes gave us a mountainous task to stay in the competition but the lads responded well.

Shots were kicked off the line, deflected wide and our forwards were guilty of some bad misses as we threw everything forward to try and salvage our unbeaten run and reach the last 16 of the competition.

Dave Crompton admitted afterwards that the side didn't play as well as they can but he felt, like everyone who saw the game, that Latics had done enough, even after that disastrous opening spell, to earn at least a replay.

And things were made even harder to swallow when Mick Buxton, the Huddersfield Town manager, appeared in the Latics dressing room after the game and said: "Sorry about that lads, we feel guilty about winning. You played us off the field and deserved much more than you got".

On a happier note, our match at Boundary Park, Oldham, was the scene for our latest league match and it was an important day for Ray Redshaw, who began his comeback after injury as one of the "over age" players allowed in the Lancashire League.

A far more experienced Oldham side started off the more impressive but it was Latics who snatched the lead through 15 year old Jason Banks, only for the home side to equalise moments later and that's how the score stood at the end.

Incidentally, many spectators were very complimentary about our recent Lancashire F.A. Youth Cup win over Blackburn Rovers and if they want to watch us more regularly they are welcome to attend our home matches, which all kick off at 2 p.m. at Robin Park.

LANCASHIRE FOOTBALL LEAGUE FIXTURES SEASON 1984-85

1984	Aug. 25	Rochdale 'A' (SC) 2.00	A	-2
	Sept. 1	Marine Youth (SC)	H	2-1
	8	Preston North End 'A' (SC)	H	0-0
	15	Crewe Alexandra (SC)	H	9-1
	22	Blackburn Rovers 'A' (SC)	H	6-4
	29	Rochdale 'A' (SC)	H	6-0
	Oct. 6	Formby 'A' (SC)	A	1-0
	13	Oldham Athletic (SC)	H	2-1
	20	Preston North End 'A' (SC)	A	4-1
	27	Blackburn Rovers 'A' (SC)	A	4-2
	Nov. 12	Hull City FA Y'th Cup	A	1-1
	16	Hull City FA Y'th Cup	H	0-0
	17	Marine Youth (SC)	A	2-1
	24	Crewe Alexandra 'A' (SC) 11.00	A	2-1
	Dec. 1	Blackpool 'A' (SC)	H	0-0
	8	Oldham Athletic 'B' (SC)	A	1-1
	13	Huddersfield 'A' FA Y'th Cup	A	0-2
	22	Formby 'A' (SC)	H	
	29			
1985	Jan. 1	Blackpool 'A' (SC)	A	
	5	Blackburn Rovers 'A'	A	
	12	Rochdale 'A'	H	
	19	Blackpool 'A'	H	
	26	Crewe Alexandra 'A' 11.00	A	
	Feb. 2			
	9	Oldham Athletic 'B'	A	
	16	Preston North End 'A'	H	
	23			
	Mar. 2	Formby 'A'	H	
	9	Oldham Athletic 'B'	H	
	16	Blackpool 'A'	A	
	23	Rochdale 'A'	A	
	30	Crewe Alexandra 'A'	H	
	Apr. 6	Formby 'A'	A	
	13	Blackburn Rovers 'A'	H	
	20			
	27	Marine Youth	A	
	May 4	Preston North End 'A'	A	
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JOHN PLATT (Goalkeeper). Injuries robbed the former Oldham goalkeeper of a chance of a regular place last season but John, who joined Bolton on a free transfer from Bury in the summer of 1983, brought valuable experience to the side towards the end of last season.

BRIAN BORROWS (Defender). Player of the Year last season, the cultured former Everton full-back made a terrific impression in the Third Division. Can also play in midfield.

RAY DEAKIN (Defender). The Bolton skipper showed great determination in regaining his place after losing his form in the middle of last season. The former Everton and Port Vale defender made 47 appearances.

GERRY McELHINNEY (Defender). Gerry emerged as a regular member of the Northern Ireland international side last season. The former Gaelic footballer and Mid-Ulster boxing champion, joined Wanderers for £25,000 from Distillery in 1980.

PETER VALENTINE (Defender). The former Huddersfield Town defender missed only four games last season and rightly earned the label of "Mr. Consistency" at the heart of the Wanderers defence.

NEIL BERRY (Defender). The former Scottish Youth International enjoyed only limited appearances last season but his versatility makes him a valued member of the Bolton squad.

JIMMY PHILLIPS (Defender). The Bolton youngster had made great strides in his bid for first team recognition and deserved the chance of his first full

appearance against Bristol Rovers on the opening day of the season.

MARK CAME (Defender). The hard-tackling central defender gave up a 9 to 5 job to move into the professional game when he joined Wanderers from non-league Winsford United at the end of last season.

WARREN JOYCE (Midfield). Missed only one game in the Bolton midfield last season, the young all-round sportsman has played County Cricket at Colts level and is a Rugby Union Schoolboy tourist.

GRAHAM BELL (Midfield). John McGovern turned to the former Oldham and Preston man when he was looking for a touch of experience to add to his midfield last season. Signed on a free transfer from Carlisle United and enjoyed an unbroken 19-match run.

STEVE THOMPSON (Midfield). The man Wanderers rely on to operate on the right hand side of midfield, the youngster, son of an ex-League player, played 45 games in Bolton colours last season.

PAUL LODGE (Midfield). Signed from Preston on a free transfer in the summer, Lodge is another ex-Everton recruit to join the Wanderers' squad.

JEFF CHANDLER (Forward). Jeff enjoyed his most successful season scoring 17 goals and being Bolton's only ever-present last season. A Republic of Ireland international the former Blackpool player cost Bolton £40,000 when he signed from Leeds in October 1981.

TONY CALDWELL (Forward). Set the Third Division alight when he scored a Club record five goals in Bolton's 8-1 win over Walsall in September last season, while on part-time forms and still an electrician. The recruit from non-League earned a full-time contract and



Back Row: Peter Valentine, Brian Borrows, Steve Thompson, Neil Berry, Wayne Foster, Charlie

ended the season with 37 goals from 37 appearances. **GEORGE OGHANIAN** signed from non-league, switched from striker to earn a chance after John Platt to sell him back to

in town today . . . in town today

WANDERERS



BOLTON WANDERERS - SEASON 1984/85

entline, Jimmy Phillips, Mark Came, Gerry McElhinney, Neil Berry, Paul Booth, George Oghani. Centre: Walter Joyce, Brian
son, Tony Caldwell, Simon Farnworth, John Platt, Ray Deakin, Paul Lodge, Warren Joyce, Peter Nightingale (Physio). Front:
s Wright (1st team coach), Jeff Chandler, Simon Rudge, Steve Saunders, John McGovern (Manager), Graham Bell.

top scorer with 22
appearances.

(Forward). Another
on-league, George
e wing to central
himself a second
McGovern had tried
non-League in the

summer.

WAYNE FOSTER (Forward). Fast and
hard-running, the former England
Youth player has made more than 80
appearances in Bolton's League side.

SIMON RUDGE (Forward). A diminutive
striker with a lot of skill and an eye for
goal, Simon scored nine goals in 38

games last term.

STEVE SAUNDERS (Forward). Two
operations kept Steve on the sidelines
for the most part of last season but he
is expected to make an impact this
time round. An exciting young player
of whom Wanderers have high hopes.

CLUB CHATTER

THE special train provided for our FA Cup tie with Chelsea is attracting much interest and ticket sales have been very encouraging.

The train will leave Wigan at 10 a.m. on the morning of the game, Saturday, January 5, and leave London again straight after the game.

Tickets, which are £10, can be bought from Springfield Park but hurry, because demand is good and there are only a certain number of seats available. Don't miss out on what should be a marvellous occasion, win, lose or draw.

The news that we are introducing cash concessions for the unemployed to watch our home games has gone down very well indeed. The scheme allows for those unemployed to watch our home games from the terraces at half price, that's £1 instead of £2 and the scheme started at today's game with Bolton.

Farewell to Commercial Manager Christine Matthews who has decided to leave us for pastures new.

Christine will be helping out at home matches for some time yet but in the meantime we would like to wish her every success in the future and thank her for a job well done.

A special train is being run to Burnley for our game on January 1st.

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HELLO! Boxing Day greetings to our visitors from Bolton, here's hoping that today's match proves to be a "cracker".

We would like to thank the lounge committee and staff for their excellent organisation of our Ladies Evening on the 4th December. It certainly saw the

festive season off to a sizzling start.

The individual sprays of flowers in Latics colours were a lovely touch gents, proving that the age of romance (in this lounge anyway), is still very much in evidence.

It is only a pity that on the morning after the night before, we could not have all done a — "Worzel" and put on a "clearer head".

Whilst on the subject of the lounge and its facilities one vital role it does perform within the structure of the club, is that of acting as hosts to our Match Sponsors.

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MEMORIES ARE MADE OF THIS

THE man who without doubt has most memories regarding Wigan Athletic is Vice President, former Chairman, former Vice Chairman former Secretary and indeed, founder member of Wigan Athletic over 50 years ago, ever popular Jack Farrimond.

Jack's recollections of the club that has been his life are boundless — but ask him which is the one that sticks in his mind most of all and he will answer in a flash — Wembley 1973.

★ ★ ★

"Latics, then in the Northern Premier League and managed by Les Rigby, battled their way through to the FA Challenge Trophy Final to play Scarborough. They lost 2-1 after extra time but it's one of the few occasions when the result came second to the occasion.

"The preparation for the game was marvellous. The atmosphere in the town was electric from the moment we beat Stafford in the semi final replay at Oldham.

"Wigan Athletic were at Wembley. Even now I find it hard to believe.

"We left for our hotel, players, directors and staff, on the Thursday before the game and you would have thought it was just a normal away match.

"There didn't seem to be any tension but of course it was there for all to see on the morning of the game.

"We set out from the hotel to Wembley stadium at lunchtime and when we neared Wembley we couldn't believe our eyes.

"Everywhere we looked were Latics fans. The crowd was nearly 20,000 for the game and I don't think it's an exaggeration to say that 15,000 were from Wigan.

"Blue and white was everywhere. In every pub, on every street corner and in every taxi. It was a marvellous sight and one which I will never forget.

"We enjoyed the atmosphere in the stadium before the game but couldn't wait for it to start and there were tears in my eyes when I saw Wigan Athletic walk out on to the Wembley pitch.

"Sadly, the game didn't go according to plan, even though John Rogers sent the stadium wild when he equalised in the 90th minute.

"Scarborough won in extra time with a disputed goal but the disappointment didn't last long and when the team returned home the following day to a marvellous welcome from thousands of fans it was indeed a rare occasion when the result wasn't everything."

OPINIONS

THE news that Latics have become the latest club to offer financial concessions to the unemployed must be welcomed as good sense all round.

There have been many requests, not just to Latics but to Wigan Rugby League club also, for some help for the unemployed, of whom Wigan has more than its fair share.

Other clubs in different parts of the country operate such for the disabled and unemployed but there are some clubs — and one big First Division club is among them — who hold the opinion that football is big business and there should be no help for the unemployed.

The Chairman of that particular club once said: "Let the unemployed in cheaply? Whatever for. When shops start letting them have food cheap or when they can buy their clothing at cut price then I will let my football club let them watch us cheaply."

"We are running a business. If the unemployed find work will they then come to

us and say 'here's the cash difference we owe you' will they heck as like."

Not a pleasant attitude you'll agree and, thankfully, it isn't one that's common in the game but it shows that there are two schools of thought on the matter and how some people see the importance of money in football.

But clubs that offer the unemployed of the community the chance to watch them at a reduced price deserve all the support they can get.

It's good public relations when they show they care — and are prepared to help — those that are out of work and, hopefully, those that are in a job and can afford to pay a visit, will do so.

Clubs like Wigan are to be applauded for their generosity at a time when they themselves are struggling to get out of a financial mire. Let's hope the public will repay that generosity by coming along and giving their support.



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Past Seasons

by Jeff Rourke

SEASON 1965-66 - CHESHIRE LEAGUE

	Home	Away	Points			
Allirincham	1-1	2-2	2	Northwich Victoria	4-0	0-1
Bangor City	4-2	2-2	3	Goswastry Town	7-1	2-1
Buxton	4-3	1-1	3	Rhyl	4-0	5-2
Chester Reserves	7-1	4-0	4	Runcorn	4-0	5-1
Ellesmere Port Town	1-1	5-4	3	Stallard Rangers	3-1	6-1
Frickley Colliery	7-0	3-2	4	Stalybridge Celtic	2-0	1-0
Holy United	5-0	1-1	3	Stockport County Res.	4-0	0-3
Macclesfield Town	0-0	3-1	4	Tranmere Rovers Reserves	4-0	3-0
Mossley	3-0	3-2	4	Widnes United	1-0	3-1
New Brighton	7-0	2-1	4	Witten Allen	3-2	2-1
				Wrexham A.B.	3-2	2-1

PL	Home				Away				Pts	Lge Pts
	W	D	L	F - A	W	D	L	F - A		
42	17	4	0	79 - 14	15	4	2	54 - 26	72	2nd

Seasons Honours: Edward Case Cup (Lge. Runners-up); Cheshire Lge Cup Winners (5 - 1 on aggregate) v. Altrincham*; Lancs. Junior Cup Winners (2 - 0) v. Netherfield*; Liverpool Non-Lge Senior Cup Winners (2 - 0 AET) v. S. Liverpool
Leading Scorers: Harry Lyon 61 (5 hat tricks) * Also played twice in goal. Bert Llewellyn 58 (7 hat tricks)

	Lge.	Lge. Cup	FA Cup	LNL Cup	LJ Cup	Max'ld Flit Cup
Lyon	42	4	7	4	4	—
Llewellyn	49 (7 pens)	3	2	1	2	1 (pen)

PAST RESULTS v. BOLTON WANDERERS

Season	Division	Home	Away	Attendance	Average
1983/84	3	0 - 1	1 - 0	10,045	6,144
SUMMARY					
	PL	W	D	L	F -
Home	1	0	0	1	0 -
Away	1	1	0	0	1 -
	2	1	0	1	1 -

Other Meetings: John Brown Testimonial - Tuesday 11th May 1982, Alt. 2,000 approx. Latice (1) 1 (Wignall 25) Bolton W. 0
Lancashire Manx Cup - Tuesday 16th August 1983, Alt. 2,041 - Latice 0 Bolton Wanderers 0

TOP TEN AV. GATES TO DATE
(League Games only to 15.12.84, incl.)

	Highest	Lowest	Average
1 Derby County	13,422	10,378	11,385
2 Bristol City	18,672	6,556	8,694
3 Hull City	8,471	5,328	6,642
4 Bristol Rovers	7,862	5,197	5,694
5 Millwall	7,024	4,481	5,853
6 Bradford City	6,842	3,512	5,437
7 Walsall	9,733	3,384	5,243
8 York City	8,540	2,921	4,995
9 Burnley	7,050	2,915	4,900
10 Wigan Athletic	5,811	3,675	4,798
10 Plymouth Athletic	3,743	2,518	3,107

**CANON DIVISION 3 LEADING SCORERS
AS AT & INCLUDING 15.12.84.**

	Lge	M Cup	FA Cup	Total
Lovell (Millwall)	13 (Spens)	1	1 (Pen)	16
Cascarino (Gillingham) . . .	11	2	2	15
Senior	11	1	3	15
Oghani (Barnet)	11 (Pen)	3	-	14
Campbell (Bradford)	10	-	3	13
Huschen (York City)	9	2	2	13
Randall (Bristol City)	9	2	2	13
G. Snodin (Doncaster)	12 (Pen)	-	1	13
Wilson (Derby County)	7	6	-	13

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LOOKING BACK

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15 YEARS AGO

Gt. Harwood (1) 2 Latics (0) 1. Friday 26th December 1969. Att: 870

(Hope 26, Shaw 67) (Breen 53)

The Wigan fans who trekked through the fog saw a display filled with effort and enterprise but sadly lacking when it came to actually putting the ball in the net. Athletic had missed three good chances before Harwood's first serious raid brought them a goal. Ian Hope rounded off a break on the left with a mazy dribble past three defenders before stabbing a shot past Dennis Reeves. Eight minutes after the break, Wigan drew level. The ball came across from the right at knee height and Davey Breen lashed in a superb volley which dipped under Jones's body and into the far corner of the net. However, most of the remaining excitement came at the other end, and a Harwood thrust brought them the vital goal. Shaw, taking the ball with his back to goal, held off an Ian Ledgard tackle and prodded in the winner. Before the game, Latics had failed in their bid to sign striker Joe Fletcher, who had surprisingly opted for Chorley.

Team: Reeves, Morris, Turner, Gillibrand, Bannister, Ledgard, Hill, Cairney, Fleming, Sutherland, Breen.
Sub: Fielding for Hill.

10 YEARS AGO

Latics 0 Stafford Rangers (1) 1. Thursday 26th December 1974. Att: 2,532

(Chadwick 14) N.P.L.

This Boxing Day defeat provided a rude awakening for those who thought the winning of the championship was a mere formality. Stafford's determination in the tackle upset Wigan's rhythm and caused a multitude of passes to go astray. At the same time, Stafford's speed on the break found gaps in the Wigan defence and it was in one of these raids that Colin Chadwick (ex Latics) headed in a Cullerton cross after Kenny Morris had inadvertently set up the chance. Despite their limitations, Latics set up enough openings later in the half and especially in a hope-raising rally in the second half to have at least equalised. However, the finishing touch just wasn't there with John Rogers especially seeming to have lost confidence in front of goal. Albert Jackson was thrown into the attack late on but with more desperation than method in their play, and Stafford relying on their infernal offside trap, it was hardly surprising that the equaliser didn't come. Athletic lost both full backs with injuries. Another ex-Latics player playing for Stafford was centre half Ben Seddon.

Team: Reeves, Morris, Gillibrand, Gore, Molyneux, Jackson, Garrett, Worswick, Rogers, King, Wright. Sub: Clements for Morris 35 minutes.

5 YEARS AGO

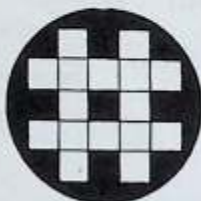
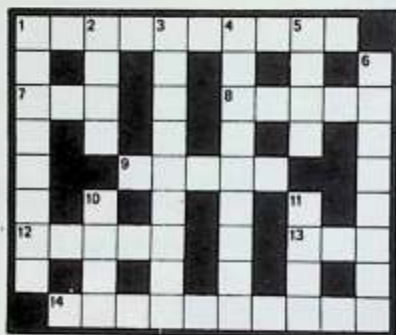
Peterborough United (0) 1 Latics (1) 2. Wednesday 26th December 1979. Att: 3,312

(Quow 47) (A.Quinn, 2, Gore (pen) 66) Division Four

Peterborough were given no opportunity to recover from a lethargic start in which a goal was given away after just 86 seconds. Colin Methven started the move, storming past three half hearted tackles before passing to the right where Tony Quinn was waiting to pick his spot. The "Posh" were stung briefly into action and Cliss hammered the cross bar from outside the area. Just after the interval, luck was on Peterborough's side when a Kellock shot appearing to go hopelessly wide fell kindly for Quow who levelled matters with a shot that gave John Brown no chance. Far from being content to defend, Wigan counter attacked at every opportunity and from one such raid, Peterborough were caught in a tangle. George Urquhart blasted in a shot and with 'keeper Waugh well out of position, Slough pushed the ball away with his hand. It was left to Tommy Gore to wrap up the points from the penalty spot.

Team: Brown, Fretwell, Hinnigan, Gore, Methven, Davids, Carrigan, Wright, Moore, A. Quinn, G. Urquhart.
Sub: Crompton.

PUZZLE PAGE



ON THE BALL No. 13

Every answer has five letters and the first one fits into the top line, but you have to decide where the rest must go:

Where Wilkins went;
— Pate, old Mansfield man;
Glasgow club;
The answer for Askew.

GROUND RULES No. 13

If you had a map and ruled in the lines linking the grounds **COVENTRY** with **SHEFFIELD UNITED**, **LEICESTER** with **ROCHDALE** they would cross on or by yet another ground. Can you name the club based there?

MIXED DOUBLES No. 13

Scramble the letters of each of these words:
YEARS and **YOWLER** to reveal two old England men.

SOCCER NINETY-NINER No. 13

ACROSS

- Forward in the Midlands through the 1970s with Notts County, Peterborough and Cambridge (4,6)
- Follower of a club's fortunes (3)
- Former Northern Ireland player and manager (5)
- An American international with several League clubs, his brother played for (and his daughter Lorraine runs so well for) England (5)
- The Cooper who kicked off and consolidated his career with Plymouth Argyle from 1979 (6)
- Reading receive others at --- Park (3)
- Jesse ---, old WBA and England full-back (10)

DOWN

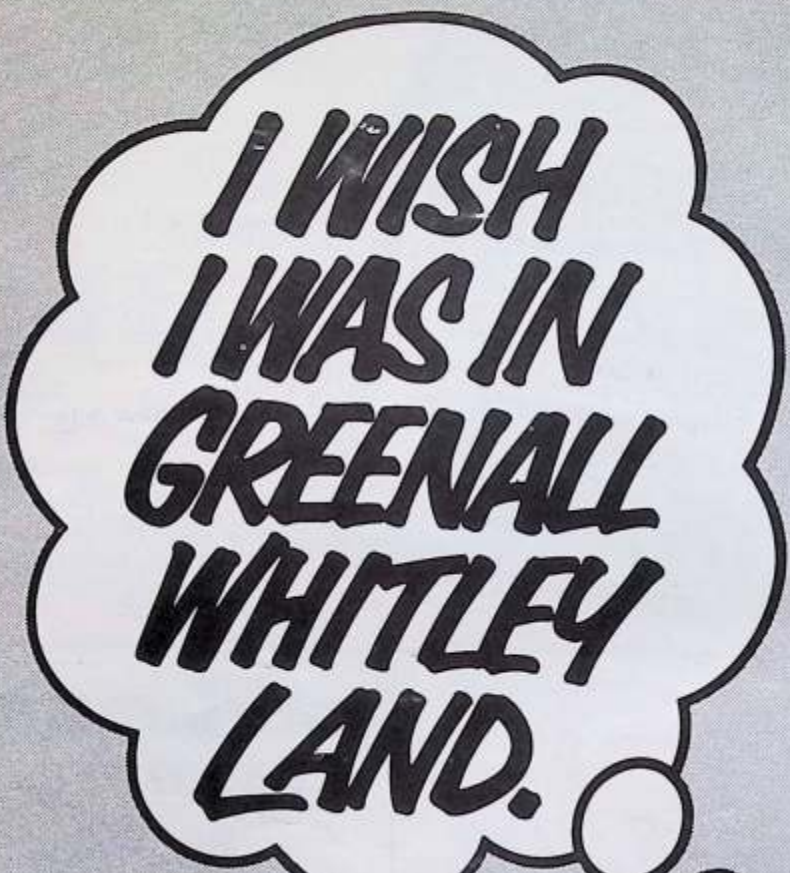
- Birmingham full-back who died shortly after his also-ill-fated England partner, Roger Byrne (4,4)
- Former Pompey man seen managing the Republic of Ireland (4)
- Singapore-born forward in the 1984 FA Cup final (9)
- Surinam-born signing for Ipswich in 1984 (9)
- The touring Scottish Cooper who is an 8 across soundalike (4)
- Former Reading, Forest and Ipswich striker who scored in over two-thirds of his 250-odd League matches. (8)
- Jackie Milburn netted this many for England (4)
- Direction taken by Sunderland's top-scorer in 1983/84 (4)

QUICK QUIZ No. 13

- Do Northern Ireland clubs play in the Irish League or the League of Ireland?
- What was the score in the World Cup final in which each country had a Z in its name?
- A club founded in 1887/88 had Maley, McStay and McGrory as its first three managers — who came next?
- Which club promoted in 1984 has a home which could be said to mean 'Villa Park'?
- The League's 'pools panel' has three members: Blackpool, Liverpool and who?

13 - Derby, MIXED DOUBLES No. 13 - Sayre, Rowley, QUICK QUIZ No. 13 - 1. Irish League, 2. Brazil 3 v Czechoslovakia 1-0, 3. Jack Stein (Celtic), 4. Oxford United (Manor Ground), 5. Hartlepool.

ANSWERS: SOCCER NINETY-NINER No. 13 - Across: 1. John Cozens, 2. Ian Hall, 3. Clough, 4. Zondervan, 5. Neil, 6. Blackman, 10. nine, 11. West, ON THE BALL No. 13 - Mean, Sandy, Clyde, Billy, GROUND RULES No. 13 - Derby, MIXED DOUBLES No. 13 - Sayre, Rowley, QUICK QUIZ No. 13 - 1.



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LATICS LIFELINE

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Many of us have visited Burnden Park over the year never dreaming that our friends and ourselves would one day be in the same League. The rise of the 'Latics' and the fall of the 'Wanderers' have made this possible. Let us look forward to many years of Boxing Day fixtures between our two sides, hopefully in the higher Divisions of the League from which the 'Wanderers' came and to which the 'Latics' aspire.

The 'Wanderers' have of course their own Lifeline organisation, and they have a thriving money raising scheme similar to that now being introduced by the Latics. 'Lifeline' invites all our supporters to consider joining

this promotion: there are some very good prizes to be won whilst helping the Club towards greater financial solvency.

But today we must concentrate on enjoying this match in the Festive Season. We are confident the players of both sides will serve up some really good entertainment — so confident in fact as to say to Latics supporters — do come for yet more good football at Springfield Park on Saturday, when the Latics entertain their next near neighbours, Preston North End.

The sports loving population of our town are indeed lucky in having so many first class sporting organisations from which to choose. Soccer, rugby, swimming, motor sport, rifle shooting — you name it — Wigan have it. We, citizens of the town have created them — let us all make sure they prosper by actively supporting them. They are so easily taken for granted. So if you like soccer, do please feel 'at home' at Springfield Park and for your New Year resolution 'Support the Latics'.

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SPOTLIGHT ON

It's been a nightmare season for David Lowe but thankfully the former England Youth centre forward is now slowly battling his way back to peak fitness - and that's great news for us.

As Harry McNally commented earlier in the season, when David attempted an earlier comeback from a season ravaged by injury and suspensions: "the fans have forgotten just what a good player David is."

Well, let's hope these two pictures serve as something of a reminder.

David really has the lot, pace, skill, aggression and that extra "something" that makes him a cut above the rest.

The message from Latics fans is clear. Have a Happy New Year Lowey. (Photographs by courtesy of the Evening Post and Chronicle (left) and the Wigan Observer (right).



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Dec. 26	BOLTON WANDERERS	H
Dec. 29	PRESTON NORTH END	H
1985		
Jan. 1	Burnley	A
Jan. 5	Chelsea (FA Cup 3)	H
Jan. 12	Bradford City	A
Jan. 19	BRENTFORD	H
Jan. 26	Gillingham FA Cup 4	A
Feb. 2	York City	A
Feb. 9	MILLWALL	H
Feb. 12	READING	H
Feb. 16	Lincoln City FA Cup 5	A
Feb. 23	SWANSEA CITY	H
Mar. 2	Orient	A
Mar. 5	Bristol Rovers	A
Mar. 9	CAMBRIDGE UNITED FA Cup 6	H
Mar. 16	WALSALL	H
Mar. 23	Newport County	A
Mar. 30	A.F.C. BOURNEMOUTH	H
Apr. 6	Bolton Wanderers	A
Apr. 9	BURNLEY	H
Apr. 13	Plymouth Argyle (Semi)	A
Apr. 20	DERBY COUNTY	H
Apr. 27	Hull City	A
May 4	DONCASTER ROVERS	H
May 6	Preston North End	A
May 11	ROTHERHAM UNITED	H

THIRD DIVISION

Up to and including December 15th

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pls
Bradford	19	7	2	0	15	4	5	2	3	14	9	40
Rotherham	19	6	3	0	19	9	5	1	4	10	7	37
Millwall	18	8	1	0	19	4	2	3	4	13	15	34
Hull	19	7	2	1	18	6	2	5	2	10	12	34
Gillingham	19	5	3	1	23	12	5	0	5	12	21	33
Bristol Rovers	18	6	3	0	14	4	3	2	4	12	13	32
Derby County	19	8	2	0	21	9	1	2	6	6	12	31
Bristol City	19	6	2	1	18	9	2	4	4	12	15	30
AFC Bournemouth	19	7	1	2	17	7	1	4	4	4	8	29
Doncaster	19	6	2	2	20	12	2	2	5	14	17	28
York	19	5	3	1	20	10	3	1	6	13	19	28
Brentford	19	5	2	2	17	9	2	3	5	7	13	26
Walsall	18	2	5	2	11	9	4	2	3	12	11	25
Wigan Athletic	19	5	2	2	11	7	1	5	4	8	15	25
Reading	19	4	2	4	14	14	3	2	4	11	17	25
Newport	20	6	2	2	16	10	0	4	6	5	15	24
Lincoln	19	4	5	1	19	9	1	2	6	7	14	22
Bolton Wanderers	19	7	1	2	22	8	0	0	9	12	24	22
Burnley	19	3	4	3	13	11	2	3	4	15	20	22
Plymouth	19	4	3	3	15	13	1	3	5	14	24	21
Preston North End	19	4	2	4	15	19	2	0	7	9	27	20
Swansea	19	2	1	6	11	16	2	2	6	11	22	15
Orient	19	2	1	6	14	23	2	1	7	9	17	14
Cambridge	19	1	1	7	7	17	1	2	7	11	22	9

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TEAMS & OFFICIALS

WIGAN ATHLETIC

(Royal Blue)

- 1 Roy Tunks
- 2 Alex Cribley
- 3 John Butler
- 4 Tony Kelly
- 5 Steve Walsh
- 6 Colin Methven
- 7 ~~David Lowe~~ *Paul Jensen*
- 8 Graham Barrow
- 9 Steve Johnson
- 10 Mike Newell
- 11 Kevin Langley
- 12 ~~Gary Bennett~~ *David Howe*

RESULT

HALF-TIME SCORE

ATTENDANCE

LOCALS SCORERS

VISITORS SCORERS

SUBSTITUTES

BOLTON WANDERERS

(White and Navy)

- 1 Simon Farnworth
- 2 Brian Borrows
- 3 Ray Deakin
- 4 Warren Joyce
- 5 Gerry McElhinney
- 6 ~~Peter Valentine~~ *Mark Camm*
- 7 ~~Steve Thompson~~ *Peter Valentine*
- 8 Jeff Chandler
- 9 Wayne Foster
- 10 Tony Caldwell
- 11 Graham Bell
- 12 George Oghani

REFEREE

Mr. H. David Hutchinson (Buckley, Clwyd)

Police Inspector. Married with three children. Commenced refereeing in 1964 progressing via Eastern Counties and Southern Leagues. Enjoys cricket and 'ealing out'. In 1979 linesman European Cup Winners' Cup Semi-Final, 1980 referee F.A. Trophy Semi-Final, 1981 Senior Linesman F.A. Cup Final, 1984 Reserve Referee Associate Members' Cup Final.

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